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IN THE APPLICATION OF:

Elghanian, et al.

Appl. No.: 09/928,250

Filed: August 9, 2001

For: THE USE AND EVALUATION OF 2+2
PHOTOADDITION IN IMMOBILIZATION
OF OLIGONUCLEOTIDES ON A
THREE-DIMENSIONAL HYDROGEL
MATRIX

Group Art Unit: 1645

Examiner: To be assigned

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In accord with 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2), the above application claims the benefit of an earlier filing date. This claim is being made within the four-month statutory limit of the above application's filing date.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, a clean copy of the amended specification paragraph effecting this priority claim is reproduced below. An Appendix is attached to show the changes made to the specification by current amendment.